

**CITY OF WICHITA
TENTATIVE WORKSHOP AGENDA
NOVEMBER 23, 2004**

**CITY OF WICHITA BOARD ROOM
9:30 A.M.**

Tennis Center

Estimated Time – 45 minutes

The City Council has discussed the construction of an indoor tennis facility at the Ralph Wulz Tennis Center at its September workshop. Staff was directed to seek the input of the Park Board and District Advisory Boards. Those boards have reviewed the proposals and staff will summarize the recommendations for Council consideration.

21st Street Revitalization Plan

Estimated Time – 45 minutes

Planning Department staff has been working with the elected officials, other City staff, citizens and the consultant to develop a plan for the revitalization of 21st street. The schedule for completion of this plan calls for the City Council to approve the adopting ordinance on December 21st. Staff will present the major recommendations of the plan and is requesting Council input before the formal presentation.

Railbanking

Estimated Time – 1 hour

Council review and direction are needed for three railbanking proposals:

- 1) The 21st Street Revitalization Plan will call for the relocation of the BNSF mainline tracks from their current alignment immediately adjacent to Broadway to an alignment approximately 1/4th mile to the East. The new alignment would utilize a corridor that BNSF had been seeking to abandon and railbanking would preserve this corridor.
- 2) Several years ago the City Council railbanked the Central Kansas Railway corridor from the Big Ditch west to 167th Street. Staff is seeking direction from the Council as to whether they should proceed with a trail plan for this corridor.
- 3) The City and BNSF are negotiating an agreement to railbank the BNSF's line from Hydraulic to the Butler County line. Staff is seeking direction on the railbanking agreement and if they should proceed with a trail plan for the corridor.

Overflow Shelters

Estimated time – 20 minutes

The City Council at its May 2004 workshop received a presentation on homelessness. The Council requested staff to provide an update after six months. Staff has met with community agencies and advocates to identify solutions to the needs of the homeless. The update will include feedback from the shelter options community meeting as well as an update from the Community Council on Homeless Advocacy (CCHA).

Rail Corridor Project**Estimated time – 45 minutes**

The City Council approved a total budget of \$98.9 million for the rail corridor project. Project funds available for construction are \$61.29 million. The project as bid included a base bid and three additive alternates for visual enhancements. Bids received were above available funding. Staff has been working with the design consultants to identify changes that could be made to the project to bring it within the available budget and to identify other available funds. Staff will update the Council on the status of the project and seek input on a revised design package so that the project can be re-bid.

Aviation Festival**Estimated time – 20 minutes**

The City Council has sent out Request for Proposals for management of the Aviation Festival. The City has budgeted funding for a Festival for 2005 but the nature and scope of such a Festival needs to be determined. McConnell Air Force Base has indicated that they are only interested in hosting an open house, and not participating in a Festival with civilian acts. Staff will present options to the Council and seek input and direction on how to proceed with the 2005 Aviation Festival.

NOTE: Because of the length of the meeting, lunch will be served to the Council.